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September 11, 2018

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Planning Facilities Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to indicate my strong support of Advocate South Suburban Hospital's planned major modernization project. This project endeavors to create a new area of the hospital which will provide cardiovascular and surgical services. In addition, major renovations in an area of the existing building will accommodate the expansion of endoscopy services. I therefore support and endorse their Certificate of Need (CON) application. This project addresses critical demand for these services and reflects South Suburban's continuing focus on the needs of the community. As our region expands, I believe that the ability to respond to those regional needs is critical. I also look at these projects as being beneficial from the perspective of the economic benefit in the area that they provide. From the creation of jobs, to purchasing, and ancillary support to local businesses, the entire community benefits when these projects are supported.

Again, I fully support Advocate South Suburban Hospital's efforts to implement this project, and I would urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to approve their Certificate of Need submittal for their modernization project.

Sincerely,

Al Riley  
State Representative, 38<sup>th</sup> District